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GREAT OPENING FOR GRAFT.

The Fifth Legislature of the Territory of Hawaii has succeeded in its plan to cripple the efficiency of the Attorney General's Department. It has not only accomplished its desire in that direction, but can congratulate itself that the prosecuting arm of the Government will be materially weakened—to be guided by the whims and interests of political groundlings. It is truly an accomplishment worthy of the intellectual potency that distinguished its advocates.

By reason of the reduction in the appropriation for the Attorney General's Department, which leaves him with one deputy, the work of criminal prosecution is taken out of his hands and PLACED IN THOSE OF THE CITY AND COUNTY ATTORNEY. Everybody knows him.

The grand jury work will now be in the power of that official and he will have full control in the matter of criminal prosecution, not only through the failure of the Legislature to make sufficient appropriation for the Attorney General's Department, but because of the expressed wish of the Legislature on the idea of "county control." The records of the Attorney General's Department have shown conclusively enough that the interests of the Territory have been well protected. The attempts of several Senators to deliberately cast discredit upon the department have been so delicately and intelligently concealed as to be plainly evident to an uneducated bovine.

The real harm, however, lies in the appropriation bill as approved by the Legislature, leaving the Attorney General with but one assistant, whose whole time will of necessity be occupied with civil cases.

The political freebooters are happy, and it is not surprising that they show it, as the plums of power—to be misused intelligently and with profit—drop from the tree shaken in the Legislature. It was a well worked plan and must have given them the same pleasant feeling of successful effort that the "second story" man feels when he is slipping across the lawn with the silver under his arm.

It seems short-sighted to deprive the promotion work of the legislative support it has heretofore received just as the islands are beginning to get the benefit of it. Promotion work pays dividends, and during the past year it has brought large sums into the Territory. Situated as we are at a great distance from any mainland shore and subject as we are to the competition of coast resorts, we need to keep Hawaii before the world's public or submit to being forgotten. Six thousand dollars is a mere trifle seeing that it would secure the results already earned from promotion work and bring them further accretions.

The conference committee did well to leave the \$15,000 item for the Leahi Home in the Appropriation bill. The Home is indispensable to the Territory. There is no other place where incurable patients may be sent, and to those who remember certain harrowing things that preceded the movement which brought Leahi Home into being—poor victims of tuberculosis dying in the hall of the free dispensary, for example—the action of the conference committee will be most heartily approved. It would have been inhuman to close so useful an institution as the Home.

The Cooke library is a splendid public benefaction—one that ought to inspire a spirit of useful giving in others. There are many institutions here that need help and some institutions which ought to be founded, such as a Home for Indigent and Aged People, where helpless folk who are white may receive the same care that is given at Lunalilo Home to the aged poor of native blood. By looking around a bit, Hawaii's large family of millionaires would have no trouble in finding worthy opportunities.

Japan is sending troops to Manchuria for a very good season. She knows that Russia has sent thousands of them to points near the Siberian line and she does not intend to be caught napping. That Russia means to fight again is an open secret and it fully accounts for the war preparations which disturb the sleep of Hobson.

The Sultan begins to have a painful realization that there are no civil service fastenings on his job.

Honolulu is glad to meet and to know Mr. Fairbanks and hopes to count him as a friend.

HONOLULU GIRL IS HONORED AT STANFORD

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, April 12.—Twenty Stanford students were rewarded for excellent scholarship here today by the election to the national scholarship society of Phi Beta Kappa. The undergraduates thus honored are: Miss Erika Blodgett of Bakersfield, Miss Mabel Burke of Palo Alto, Miss Effie May Clarke of Riverside, Miss Anna F. Cox of San Jose, Miss Stella G. Halsey of Honolulu, Miss Ruth E. Lewis of San Francisco, Miss Gertrude Mathison of Los Angeles, Miss Hazel Michod of Los Angeles, Miss Elizabeth Russell of Tulare, Miss Ruth Stierne of San Diego, Miss Iva Thomas of Pasadena, Miss Della Thompson of Whittier, Miss Alida Vail of San Francisco, D. C. Boyd of San Jose, A. F. Coe of Los Angeles, H. G. Hill of San Jose, M. R. Kirkwood of Colorado Springs, J. B. Sears of Kidder, Mo.; Walter Elack of Juanita, Neb., and J. R. Young of Deerfield, O.

FAIRBANKS TO VISIT OTHER ISLANDS

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Territorial Legislature and territorial officials being given a chance to meet him at eleven o'clock.

Shortly before this, Mayor Fern and Secretary of the Territory E. A. Mott-Smith, were presented to the distinguished visitor. After this public reception, Governor Frear took Mr. Fairbanks to luncheon at the University Club. During the afternoon he and his party were taken out to Fort Shafter, where they listened to the Fifth Cavalry band concert and watched the review of the troops.

Returning from Wahiawa this afternoon, Mr. Fairbanks will be the guest of Governor Frear at luncheon at the University Club, at which there will be a number of the leading business men and officials of the city present. This evening the Governor and Mrs. Frear are giving a dinner in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Fairbanks and their daughter, Mrs. Timmons, at the former's residence on Punchou street. After the dinner there will be a small number of invited guests received at nine o'clock.

A banquet will be given by the University Club to Mr. Fairbanks, the date for which he has been invited to fix. One week from today it has been

arranged for Mr. Fairbanks and his family to leave here for Maui. The Tuesday following the party will go to Hawaii, returning to Honolulu from a visit to the Volcano on the Mauna Kea the latter part of the week.

An automobile trip around the island of Oahu may be given Mr. Fairbanks tomorrow, though this has not yet been definitely settled. During the coming week, many dinners have been planned in honor of the guests, and it may be that a public reception will be held. It is also possible that, during the coming week, Mr. Fairbanks may take a flying trip to Kauai.

Monday morning at eleven o'clock Mr. Fairbanks will address the Territorial Legislature. On Wednesday he will be the guest of honor at the Booster Dinner given by the Honolulu Commercial Club.

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MANOA REQUESTS A BETTER CAR SERVICE

The Manoa Improvement Club held a meeting last evening at the residence of Fred Waldron, College Hills, at which committees on roads, police, car service, etc., were appointed, and these will report progress at another meeting to be held three weeks hence. Fred Waldron presided, with Mr. De Freest as secretary.

The car service committee will confer with the Rapid Transit officials to see whether or not the service on the College Hills branch may not be improved. At present the one car run every twenty minutes over the line is crowded at certain times of the day, making it an inconvenience to many. This is especially true in the early morning when the trend of travel is toward, and in the evening when it is homeward, and again on Sundays during the church time.

The committee will endeavor to secure a ten-minute service in the early morning and in the late afternoon, when business men are returning home. To do this the company would merely have to finish a switch which was one time in use in the branch. Otherwise, one of the two cars run during the evening rush could be sent up into College Hills, instead of going around to Pawaia junction, empty, or almost so, at present, while the one Manoa car is overloaded.

The road committee will endeavor to get the county government to pay some attention to the roads of Manoa and College Hills, some of which are in a deplorable condition. Another committee will see the police officials in order to get an extension of the police telegraph system into the valley and to provide otherwise for protection of residents. Some effort will be made to provide fire protection. An effort will also be made to have an estray pound established, so that stray cattle and horses may be impounded.

Around the Police Station

Yesterday afternoon a penal summons was served on County Attorney J. W. Cathcart, citing him to appear in the Police Court at nine o'clock this morning to answer to a charge of assault upon Goo Wan Hoy. Cathcart, in an interview given yesterday afternoon, stated that he "may have lied to the charge." The Bulletin stated that both Judge Andrade and Judge Long had refused to issue a warrant for the arrest of Cathcart. Judge Andrade was not even at Police Court yesterday, and Judge Long did not refuse to issue the warrant. He stated to Judge Humphreys that he would issue the warrant if such was desired, but he suggested a penal summons. To this Judge Humphreys promptly acquiesced. Judge Humphreys, who represents Goo Wan Hoy in the proceedings, will make a strong plea for a sentence of some weight against Cathcart, and will call attention to the difference in station of the two men concerned.

The disturbances following the strike of the button makers in Mern, France, reached serious proportions and two thousand soldiers were called out to patrol the streets and keep the mob under control.

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